T[estamentum] Johis Sheffeld militis Domini Sheffelde

In the name of God Amen, The

day of December in the yere of o[u]r lorde god m^l v^c thre score and eight, I Sir John Sheffelde knight Lorde Sheffelde sicke of bodie but thanke be to god of good and perfecte remembraunce, knowing howe certayne it is every man shall die and yet howe uncertayne the tyme of death is mynding aswell for thadvauncement and preferment of my children and payment of my debtes as for other good consideracons to make my last will and Testament aswell touching the disposicon of all my Mannors Landes tenementes and hereditamentes as of all my leases for yeres plate housholde stuffe goodes and cattalles do declare this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing, ffirst I will and bequeath unto my verie good Lorde the Duke of Norff his grace my trustie frende Sir William Cicill knight principall secretary to the Quenes Matie Sir John Zouche knight John Copledyke and Densell Hollis Esquiers, All that my parke called Melwood parke in the Ile of Axholme in the Countie of Lincoln of the yerelie rent of xxv^li, And all those Londes meadowes pastures and hereditamentes wch I purchased of my Lorde Clynton high admyrall of England in the said Ile of Axholme called the demaynes of the Charterhouse of the yerelie value of xxvj^li and all other my purchased landes and tenementes in fflixbrough in the said Countie of Lincoln, and my Manor of [illegible] in the Counties of Cambridge and huntingdon and all my landes tenementes and hereditamentes in the said Counties of Cambridge and huntingdon and in the Countie of Stafforde, and all other Mannors Landes tentes and hereditamentes whatsoever whereof I am seased in ffee simple in the said Countie of Lincoln or ells where in the Realme of England; And whereas I am seazed in ffee simple of the third parte of the Mannors of Connysby fflixborough Butterwyke and Crosbye in the Countie of Lincoln and of the Manor of Owston in the Countie of yorke and of dyvers other landes tentes and hereditamentes in the said Countie of Lincoln and ells where I do devise and bequeath the said third parte of all the said premisses to the said Duke of Norff, Sir John Zouche and other my said frendes, To have and to holde all the said Mannors londes tentes and hereditamentes to the Duke of Norff Sir William Cicill Sir John Zouche John Copledike and Densell Hollies Esquiers from and ymediatlie after my decease for and during the terme of Eightene yeres then next folowing fullie to be complete and ended, to and for the performaunce of this my last will and testament; and I will that the said Duke of Norff and other my said ffrendes shall w^t the rentes yssues and proffittes thereof, And of my leases for yeres goodes and chattalles not bequethed by this my last will and Testament content and pay my debtes owinge to any person or persons whatsoever, And after my debtes paied I will they shall content and paie to my welbeloved daughter Elizabeth Sheffelde the some of one thowsand Markes at the day of her mariage or at suche tyme as she shall accomplishe the age of Eightene yeres whether shall first happen, And that she shalbe decentlie brought up according to her calling in the meane tyme of the Rentes yssues and proffittes of the said premisses devised to my said frendes, And to my suster ffraunces Sheffelde the some of One thowsand Markes in recompence of suche porcons as I do owe her by the devise of my late father, upon condicon she the said ffraunces nor any other for her or in her name by her meanes shall commence any sute ageinst my executo^rs or my said frendes for any thing to her bequeathed by my said late father, Also I will my Lorde his grace the Duke of Norff and Sir John Zouche shall gyve to every of theis persons hereafter named annuall rent chardge or somes of money in consideracon of their service by their discretions viz Thomas Sheffelde Robert Sheffelde of Epworthe Robert Sheffelde Thomas Wenison John Banyster, Thomas Spurre Richard Smythe Robert Dodde William Benson Robert Clayton Richard Nevell, Sampson Allyn, John Pount John Wallis Robert Whyte William Robynson Henry Liggens John Rippley Thomas Newland, Grisby, Robert Ireland, Thomas Smyth Robert Hall William Grisby Peter horsekeper, Thomas Allyn, Lancelot Morley, Augustyne Houghton, And I will that Thomas Spurre & William Benson shall have their severall fermes wherein they dwell untill my sonne come to his full age paieng tholde and accustomed rent, And I will that John Banyster shall have the money wch I owe unto hym paied as [illegible] spede as may be; The residue of the rentes yssues and proffittes of the said premisses before not devised and also my leases plate goodes and chattelles not bequeathed I gyve and bequeath unto the said Edmond my sonne to be delyvered and paied unto hym at suche tyme as he shall accomplishe his age of xxj^ti yeres and in the meane tyme I will that the said Lordes grace and Sir John Zouche have the order custodie and disposicon thereof, And I do [illegible] and suffer to discende to Edmond Sheffelde my sonne and heire two partes of my said Mannors of Connysby fflixbrough Butterwyke Crosby and Cawe, and two partes of the Mannors of Momby Bratofte Borough Wynthrop Ingoldmells Wrangle Sybsey halton Skegnes, Sutton and Erby in the said Countie of Lincoln wch was entailed by my late father Lorde Sheffelde by his last will and testament, And all other my Landes and tentes wch be entailed to me in the Countie of Lincoln or ells where, to thintent the Quenes highnes might have the wardeship thereof during his mynoritie according to the lawes of this Realme wch is muche more then a third parte of all my Mannors Londes tentes and hereditamentes, Item I do constitute and make the said Duke of Norff his grace, Edmond Sheffelde my sonne and the said Sir John Zouche Executo^rs of this my last will and testament praieng them to take paynes in execucon thereof as my trust is in them, And I do gyve to the said Duke for a remembraunce my greate horse called grey Sheffeld my best gelding, and a caste of my best hawkes, and to Mr Secretary my bason and Ewer all gilte, and to Sir John Zouche Mr Copledike and Mr Hollies eche of my best geldinges viz every of them a gelding, witnesses Sir John Perrat Mr Sergeant Wraye Thomas Spurre Sampson Allyne William Benson w^t others,

Probatum fuit testamentum suprascriptum coram Mag^ro Waltero Haddon legum doctore Curie prerogative Cantuarien Commissario apud London ultimo die Januarii Anno d[omi]ni Millesimo Quingentesimo Sexagesimo octavo, Juramento magistri [illegible] Smyth notarii publici procuratoris prenobilis principis d[omi]ni Thome Ducis Norff et Johis Zouche Militis Executor[um] in testamento huiusmodi nominat[orum] Quibus commissa fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum &c De bene &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Jurat[orum] Reservata potestate &c Edmundo Sheffelde filio in minori etate sua existen[ti] cum venerit ad admissionem

T[estamentum] Rogeri Asham

Memorandum that upon the xxx^ti daie of December in the yere of o^r Lorde god 1568, betwene the howres of eight and nyne of the clocke in the afternone of the same day, Mr Roger Asham lieng upon his deathe bed did speake theis wordes unto Margaret Asham his wife, Margaret I gyve unto you my wife all that I have desiring you to be good to my children as I knowe you wilbe a naturall mother unto them, And then at the same instant he willed all that was there to beare witnes what he did saye, Theis persons hereunder named were then present at the same tyme when as he did speake the wordes above written unto his said wife Mistres Mary harleston widowe Daniell Martyn Lane wife unto Thomas Lane, [illegible] Robert Waldo, Brian Waldo,

Tercio die Januarii anno d[omi]ni Millesimo Quingentesimo Sexagesimo octavo Emanavit commissio Margarete relicte dic[ti] defuncti ad administrand[um] bona iura et credita eiusdem iuxta tenorem ultime voluntatis De bene &c In persona Willmi Ireland procuratoris &c Ad sancta dei Evangelia Jurat[e]

Decimo septimo die mensis Januarii Anno D[omi]ni iuxta cursum &c 1592 Emanavit commissio [illegible] Asham filio na^li et l[egitim]o dicti Rogeri Asham def[uncti] [illegible] ad administrand[um] bona iura et credita eiusdem [illegible] per dictam Margaretam [illegible] iam def[uncti] non plene administrat. De bene &c [illegible] notarii publici procuratoris [illegible] Jurat. [illegible]